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HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Wednesday, February 3rd, 2016 9:00 a.m. Room 352 State Capitol Building

Representative Pscholka, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Chair Pscholka requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Present: Reps. Pscholka, Bumstead, Jenkins, Muxlow, Poleski, Potvin, Kelly, McCready, Pagel, VerHeulen, Victory, Afendoulis, Bizon, Canfield, Cox, Garcia, Inman, Miller, Santana, Irwin, Roberts, Faris, Singh, Yanez, Zemke, Durhal, Hoadley, and Pagan.

Absent: Rep. Banks.

Excused: None.

Representative Garcia moved to approve the minutes from the January 27th, 2016 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion was approved by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid SB 472 and SB 473 before the committee:

SB 472 (Schmidt) Taxation; tobacco; tobacco product manufacturers' escrow accounts act; modify.

SB 473 (MacGregor) Tobacco; generally; tobacco products tax act; require certain enforcement disclosures.

Senators Schmidt and MacGregor introduced the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Alan Cropsey, representing the Michigan Attorney General's office testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

The following person submitted a testimony card in support of the bills, but did not wish to speak:

Ken Osborne, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury.

The Chair laid SB 476 before the committee:

SB 476 (Schmidt) Taxation; tobacco; tobacco products act; eliminate sunset related to tax on cigars.

Senator Schmidt and Gary Reed, representing the Michigan Premium Cigar and Pipe Retailers, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Dave Hodgkins, representing the American Heart Association and Andrew Schepers, representing the American Cancer Society, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Ken Osborne, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted testimony cards in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Christine Shearer, representing the Michigan Association of Health Plans.

Kevin McKinney, representing the Michigan Osteopathic Association.

Paige Fults, representing the Michigan Health and Hospital Association.

The following person submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Berton Brown, representing the Cigar Association of America.

The Chair laid the Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference Report before the committee.

Mary Ann Cleary came forward to discuss the report. Questions and discussion followed.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 10:18 a.m.

Representative Pscholka, Chair

Matthew Carnagie
Committee Clerk
February 3rd, 2016
88 minutes

Date Approved and Signed